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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Office of the Director

27 September 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger

Assistant to the President (National Security Affairs)

SUBJECT

Intelligence Alert Memorandum: Possibility of Serious

Civil Disturbances or a Coup in Phnom Penh

1. The attached memorandum is forwarded to alert you to the possibility of serious civil disturbances in Phnom Penh and/or a coup attempt against the Lon Nol government.

2. I would like to stress that we are talking about possibilities, not probabilities, at this time. Nonetheless, the possibility is real enough and the event itself serious enough to lead us to issue an alert memorandum.

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4. While there may be little we can do to stop student and teacher agitation, I believe that strong representations by Ambassador Dean and others in the Mission in Phnom Penh would help dissuade any would-be coup-makers.

Vernon A. Walters
Acting Director

Attachment - As stated

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